



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)  
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

**Agency:** Department of Agriculture

**Subject of possible rule making:** Chapter 16-403 WAC Standards for Apples Marketed within the State of Washington. The purpose of this chapter is to establish standards for apples being packed and marketed within the State of Washington.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:**

RCW 15.17.030, Enforcement – Director’s duties – Rules; RCW 15.17.050, Rules – Authority of director; RCW 15.17.060, Adoption of standards; Chapter 34.05 RCW, Administrative Procedure Act.

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:**

The department is considering amending or consolidating sections of this chapter to promote clarity regarding the packing and marketing of apples that are grown and/or packed within the State of Washington. These standards are used and recognized throughout the country and in major export markets around world. Therefore a clear and concise set of standards is a valuable source to facilitate the packing and marketing of apples for domestic and export destinations.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:**  
none

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- ☐ Negotiated rule making  
☐ Pilot rule making  
☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) WSDA staff will develop the rule proposal and will communicate with stakeholders and other interested parties for their review and comment. Interested parties can also participate in the public hearing/public comment process.

**How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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